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1. CHARGE AND ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER MET WITH UNDERSECRETARY YUSUF AL-ALAWI IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE PRESENTATION

ON NEW U.S. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. WE LEFT AN AIDE-MEMOIRE CONTAINING EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (REFTEL) WITH AL-ALAWI. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. WE EMPHASIZED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO CONTINUE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB WORLD AND OUR CONVICTION THAT THE NEW LEGISLATION WAS NOT DESIGNED TO INFRINGE ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES. ALAWI REPLIED THAT OMAN AND OTHER ARAB STATES WERE NOT PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE LEGISLATIONS. THE ARABS WERE MAINLY INTERESTED IN CON-

## TINUING SMOOTH RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.

3. ALAWI MENTIONED THE EXISTING STATE ANTI-BOYCOTT LAWS (NOTABLY NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA) AND WONDERED HOW THIS LEGISLATION WOULD BE AFFECTED BY A FEDERAL LAW. WE ASSURED HIM THAT IN REGARD TO CONFLICTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LETTERS OF CREDIT AND OTHER COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, THE FEDERAL LAW WOULD APPLY.

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